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TITLE: PROCESS AND APPARATUS FOR PRODUCING A SILICON
SINGLE CRYSTAL

AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

MAIL STOP AMENDMENTS
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated August 4, 2004, with the time for reply having been extended for three months from November 4, 2004 until February 4, 2005, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.